

North Beacon Town Hall Meeting

May 30, 2009

Group 1

Gaps

- Safety concerns regarding walking especially at night
 - Cobra head lights too high, obscured by tree limbs
 - Lighting (by golf course) trees
 - Dogs (off leash)
- From 12th, need bike lane to El Centro Area
 - “sharrows” don’t feel safe
 - Connection across I-5 needs improvement. Stairs and off-ramp
- 14th 15th Lander: Roadway needs repair
- See map for Beacon Blvd concept
- Busy 14th/15th Beacon Avenue intersection near Shell gas station
- Drivers to stop at crosswalk lines – need more lighting especially near library

Opportunities

- Ride one street off of Beacon (17th) Columbia to Beacon Junction
 - Could mark it

Gap

- Road maintenance as related to buses

Concern - With Beacon Junction Proposal

- Vehicles moving through (from further South)
 - Columbia City to I-5
 - Alaska Way to I-5
 - Mt Baker
- Keep S. Lander closed
 - Open to Pedestrians
 - Be sure to provide service and emergency access
- Need enough pedestrian facilities and destinations for pedestrians
- Parking at El Centro → (intend low income housing)
- Want as much density as possible → comfortable with current allowable build out
- El Centro – Current request for 65’ rezoning
- 8 Story Comfort? –
 - Need modulation and step back
 - Need underground parking
- Green Industry
 - Green Jobs
- “Beacon Hill ZOCALO”

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- Housing types
 - Multigenerational
 - Culturally compatible
- Alcohol Impact Area needed
- Lee Parcel at Station
 - Rent for temporary Community Garden
 - Nonprofit group to take on
- Markets:
 - Small business inside area after one year ➔ to bigger shop!
- Walking 5 minute circle around station is not accurate - it is actually more linear , aligned with street grid

Summary

- Town Center: ZACALO
 - Creative use for station/Lee Parcel (P.Patch, Market) @ El Centro/Station
- Open to Idea of 8 Stories
- Rezone at El Centro
 - Articulation
 - Underground parking
 - Green space incentive zoning and other public benefits
- Concern with Bldg Idea
 - Proceed cautiously North/South Connections to I-5
- Beacon Junction and Town Center
 - Funding?
- Density and Transit Use reduces SUV
- Diminish Height/Scale with “wedding caking” and smooth transition
 - Up-zone single family